response, the clean set is followed by a marked-up version indicating the changes made (see 37 CFR 1.121(c)(3)).

1.   (AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a first device configured to present one or more control signals configured to control an electronic presentation program in response to one or more input instructions; and

a bus interface configured to (i) receive said one or more control signals and (ii) provide power to said device, wherein said first device is configured to operate as a standard device provided in an operating system.

2.   (AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said electronic presentation program is configured to either advance or retreat through a plurality of slides.

3.   (AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a second device configured to (i) run said electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through said bus.

4.   The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said bus interface comprises a Universal Serial Bus (USB) bus interface.

5. (AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said bus interface comprises a wireless link between said first device and said second device.

7. (TWICE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said second device is configured to control said electronic presentation program simultaneously with said first device.

8. (TWICE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said second device comprises a computer.

9. (AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said first device is configured to be hot-plugged to said computer at any time, even while said computer is running, wherein said device is immediately available for use without re-booting or re-powering said computer.

10. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more input instructions are generated by a presenter.

11. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said one or more input instructions are generated in response to one or more buttons.

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12. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is configured to operate without user-installed driver software.

13. (TWICE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device further comprises an alert indicator.

14. The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said alert indicator comprises either a visible indicator or a vibrator.

15. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus further comprises a laser pointer.

16. (AMENDED) A method for controlling an electronic presentation with a device comprising the steps of:

(A) generating one or more control signals configured to control said electronic presentation program in response to one or more input instructions;

(B) providing power over a bus; and

(C) operating said device as a standard device provided in an operating system to avoid user installed driver software.

17. The method according to claim 16, further comprising the step of:

either advancing or retreating through a plurality of slides in response to said one or more control signals.

19.   The method according to claim 16, wherein said method is implemented using a Universal Serial Bus (USB) bus interface.

20.   (TWICE AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a device configured to (i) control an electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through a bus, wherein said device is configured to operate with a standard device driver

5   provided in an operating system; and

a computer configured to (i) run said electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through said bus, wherein said device is configured to control said electronic presentation program and simultaneously allow said computer to control said

10   electronic presentation program.

21.   (AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said device comprises a handheld device.

22.   The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first device is configured to enumerate as said standard device.

Please add the following new claim:

23. (NEW) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said first device is configured to enumerate as a human interface device (HID).